

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPERIOR COURT
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

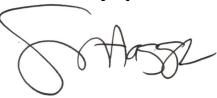
I, Jennifer M. Haggar, Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire for the County of Rockingham, the same being a court of record having a seal, and having custody of the records of the said Superior Court, do hereby certify that the attached are true copies of Complaint, Summons on Complaint, Return of Service, Answer and Notice of Removal to Federal Dist. Ct. in the action 218-2021-CV-00003 Gail P Garda v. Kohl's Inc. of said Superior Court.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Superior Court at
this 22 day of March A.D. 2021



Clerk of Superior Court

True Copy Attest



Jennifer M. Haggar, Clerk of Court

March 22, 2021

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

JUDICIAL BRANCH

<http://www.courts.state.nh.us>Court Name: Rockingham Superior CourtCase Name: Gail P. Garda vs. Kohl's Inc. 325 Lafayette Rd. Seabrook, NHCase Number: 218-2021-CV-00003

(if known)

COMPLAINT

Requested: Jury Trial (as allowed by law) Bench Trial1. Plaintiff's Name Gail P. GardaResidence Address 34 Old Stage Road, Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Telephone Number (Home) (603) 926-0457 (Mobile) (603) 303-60382. Defendant's Name Kohl's Inc.Residence Address 325 Lafayette Rd., Seabrook, NH 03874Mailing Address (if different) 3 Executive Park Drive 9, Bedford, NH 03110 (by Registered Agent)

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B. All other relief the Court deems fair and just.

Gail Garda by and through

Name of Filer

Shawn R. Crapo, Esquire 272502

Law Firm, if applicable Bar ID # of attorney

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Address

Rye Beach NH 03871
City State Zip code

/s/ Shawn R. Crapo

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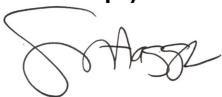
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BY ORDER OF THE COURT

January 06, 2021
(126987)

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**GAIL P GARDA
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE
BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Case Name: **Gail P Garda v Kohl's Inc.**
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Instructions for: Gail P Garda

The attached Summons must be sent to the Sheriff's Department for service. Service must be completed on or before **February 20, 2021**.

Further action is required by you

You must:

- Print two copies of the Summons per defendant
- Print two copies of the Notice to Defendant per defendant
- Print two copies of the Complaint filed with the Court per defendant
- Make two packets for service. Each packet should contain:
 - One Summons
 - Once Notice for Defendant
 - One Complaint filed with the Court
- Mail or hand deliver the packets to the Sheriff's Department in the county where each defendant resides.

Sheriff Departments in New Hampshire:

[Belknap County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Carroll County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Cheshire County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Coos County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Grafton County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Merrimack County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Rockingham County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Strafford County Sheriff's Department:](#)

[Sullivan County Sheriff's Department:](#)

If one or more of the parties resides out of state, please click [here](#) for the requirements

Service must be made upon the defendant before **February 20, 2021**.

If the Sheriff is unable to complete service by **February 20, 2021** you will receive a "Notice of Incomplete Service" from the Sheriff's Department. You may request that new paperwork be issued by electronically filing a Request for Documents. There is a fee for this request.

The Sheriff will mail the 'Return of Service' to you. You MUST electronically file the 'Return of Service' with the court by March 13, 2021.

If service is not made as directed, no further action will occur and the case may be dismissed by the court.

Important Service Information for Sheriff

Do not file this with the court

Provide this information to the Sheriff's Department.

See Instructions for Service for more information.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date: _____

Case #: _____

Who are you requesting to be served?

Please provide whatever information you know

Name: _____

Address for service (no P.O. boxes):

APT #: _____

Home phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Sex: Male Female Race: _____

Last 4 digits of SS#: xxx-xx- _____ D.O.B. _____

Work name & address:

Special instructions for service (i.e. directions, best time to serve, cautions, etc.):

Vehicle description/license plate:

Your Information:

Name (please print): _____

Residential address:

Mailing address:

Phone number to contact you during business hours:

Alternate #: _____

Signature

♦IN-HAND SERVICE WILL INCUR EXTRA COSTS DUE TO ADDITIONAL TRAVEL♦

SHERIFF OFFICE USE ONLY: (This will vary by Sheriff's Office)

Fees Paid: \$ _____ Cash #: _____ Check#: _____

Id#: _____ Waiver: _____ Money Order#: _____ Credit Card: _____

Sheriff File # _____ Authorization #: _____

Instructions for filing the Return of Service:

If you are working with an attorney, they will guide you on the next steps. If you are going to represent yourself in this action, go to the court's website: www.courts.state.nh.us, select the Electronic Services icon and then select the option for a self-represented party.

1. Select "I am filing into an existing case". Enter 218-2021-CV-00003 and click Next.
2. When you find the case, click on the link follow the instructions on the screen. On the "What would you like to file?" screen, select "File Other Document" and choose "Return of Service".
3. Scan the Return of Service packet and follow the instructions in the electronic filing program to upload the Return of Service to complete your filing.
4. If the sheriff was unable to serve the paperwork, you can request new paperwork by filing a Request for Documents. On the "What would you like to file?" screen, select "File Other Document" and choose "Request for Reissued Summons" from the menu and upload the Request for Documents form.

FAILURE TO FILE THESE DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN YOUR CASE BEING DISMISSED.

January 06, 2021

Date

Jennifer M. Haggar

Clerk of Court

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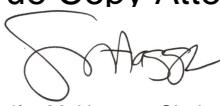
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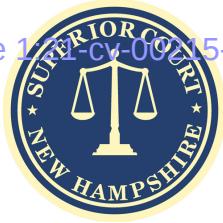
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ROCKINGHAM, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT

Docket No. 218-2021-cv-00003

GAIL P. GARDA,

Plaintiff,

v.

KOHLS INC.,

Defendant.

ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND JURY DEMAND

Kohl's Inc., ("Kohl's" or "Defendant") respectfully submits the following Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Jury Demand, stating in support as follows:

I. ANSWER

1. Without knowledge. The phrase "without knowledge" means that Defendant (1) lacks sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or accuracy of the allegation, (2) therefore, denies such claim, and (3) leaves Plaintiff to her proof.

2. Kohl's admits that it has a location a 325 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH and that its registered agent is Corporate Creations Network, Inc., with an office at 3 Executive Park Drive 9, Bedford, NH 03110.

3. Without knowledge.

4. Denied.

5. Denied.

A. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Kohl's denies that Plaintiff is entitled to judgment in any amount.

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II. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against Defendant.

SECOND DEFENSE

Defendant denies all allegations of liability contained in Plaintiff's Complaint.

THIRD DEFENSE

Defendant's conduct was not a legal and/or proximate cause of Plaintiff's alleged damages, if any.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's alleged damages were caused, in whole or in part, by the acts or omissions of persons or entities for whom Defendant is not legally responsible; Defendant reserves the right to seek an apportionment of liability in accordance with N.H. RSA 507:7-e and DeBenedetto v. CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc., 153 N.H. 793 (2006).

FIFTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by her own comparative negligence, pursuant to N.H. RSA 507:7-d.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's alleged injuries were proximately caused by the superseding and/or intervening conduct or negligent acts of third persons over whom Defendant has no control.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred by one or more statutes of limitation.

NINTH DEFENSE

Defendant is responsible only for reasonable medical expenses actually incurred, if any at all, and is not responsible for any amounts forgiven or written off by the provider.

TENTH DEFENSE

Defendant challenges any and all medical expenses in accordance with New Hampshire Superior Court Rules.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses as are reasonable and necessary as discovery progresses.

III. JURY DEMAND

Defendant demands a trial by jury as to all issues properly triable by jury and, pursuant to Superior Court Rule, objects to a trial with fewer than 12 jurors.

Respectfully submitted,
Kohl's Inc.
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP

Dated: March 10, 2021

By: /s/ Linda M. Smith
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lsmith@morrisonmahoney.com
1001 Elm Street, Suite 304
Manchester, NH 03101
Phone: 603-622-3400
Fax: 603-622-3466

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was this day forwarded to:

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NOTICE TO REMOVE FROM STATE COURT

Defendant, Kohl's Inc., hereby gives notice that it has removed this matter to the United States District Court, a copy of the notice of removal is included herewith.

Please prepare a certified copy of the Court's docket and provide it to defendant's counsel with an invoice.

Respectfully submitted,
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/s/ Linda M. Smith
By: _____
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329 MAST ROAD
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RETURN OF SERVICE

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SHERIFF WRIT 21-751-CP
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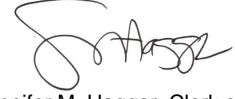
I SUMMONED THE WITHIN NAMED KOHL'S INC.

BY GIVING IN HAND TO CYNTHIA COLBURN, REGISTERED AGENT FOR THE WITHIN NAMED, BEING AT 3 EXECUTIVE PARK DR #201A BEDFORD, NH, AN ATTESTED COPY OF THIS SUMMONS AT 02:30pm.



DEPUTY SHERIFF DONALD L CLAY

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 Telephone Number (Home) (603) 926-0457 (Mobile) (603) 303-6038

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